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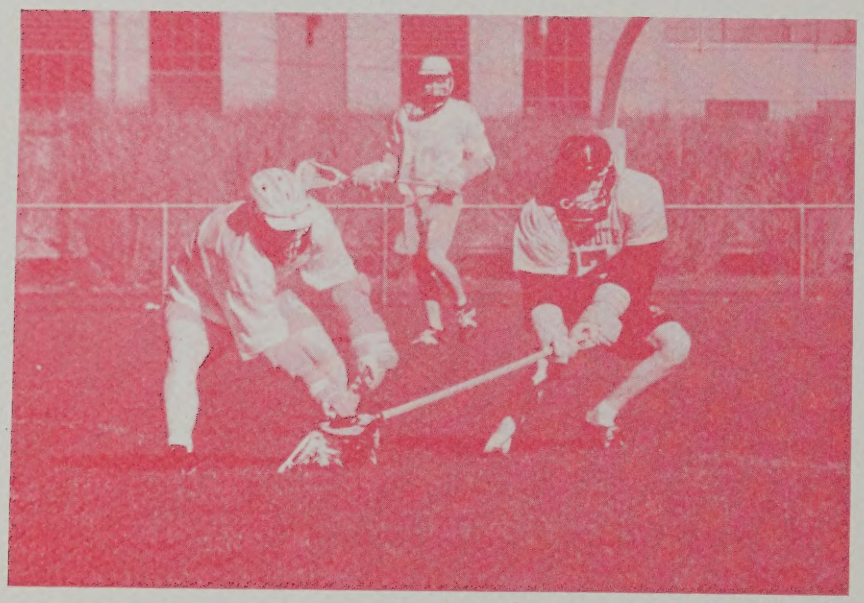
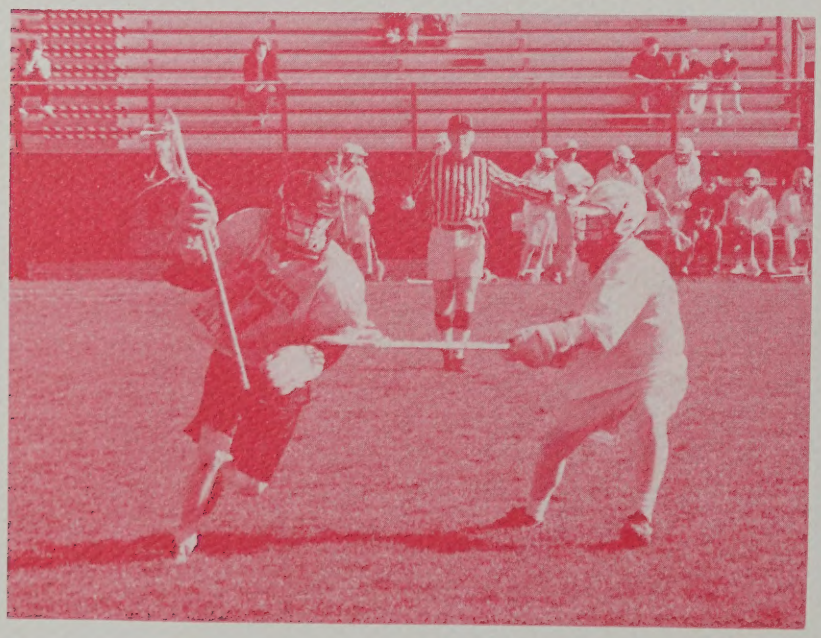
SUPPLEMENT

Lacrosse

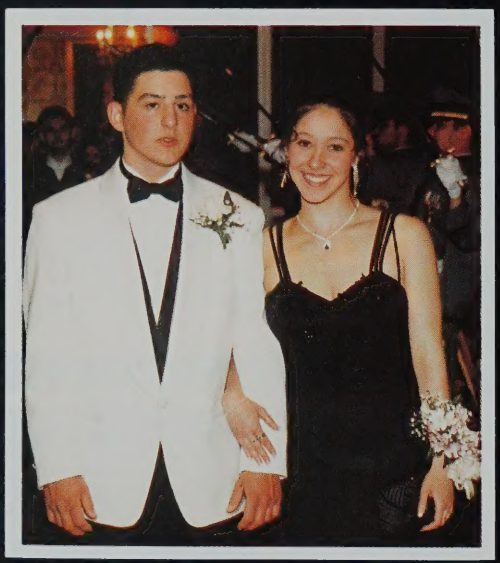


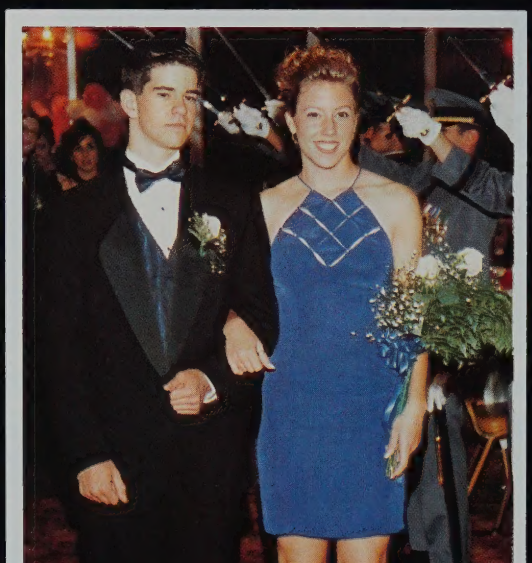
This year's team did surprisingly well and next year New Bedford will see the official entry of Lacrosse onto its spring sports schedule as a varsity sport. This year's team found some depth in seniors Nick Obolynsky, Nuno Pereira, Nic Charest, Chris Farland, and Jeff Chevalier whom set the example for next year's players. Despite being one of the newest sports at New Bedford High School, Lacrosse is quickly becoming one of the most popular.

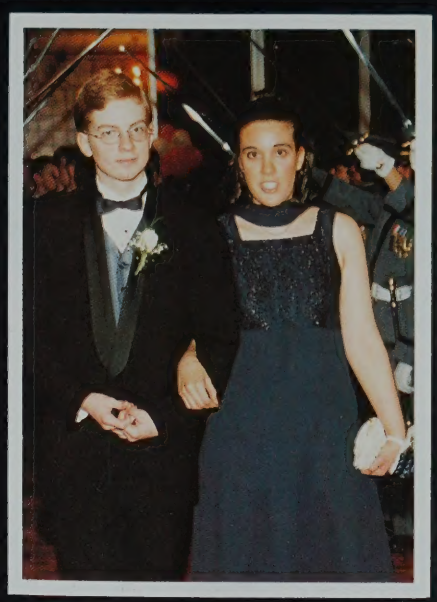


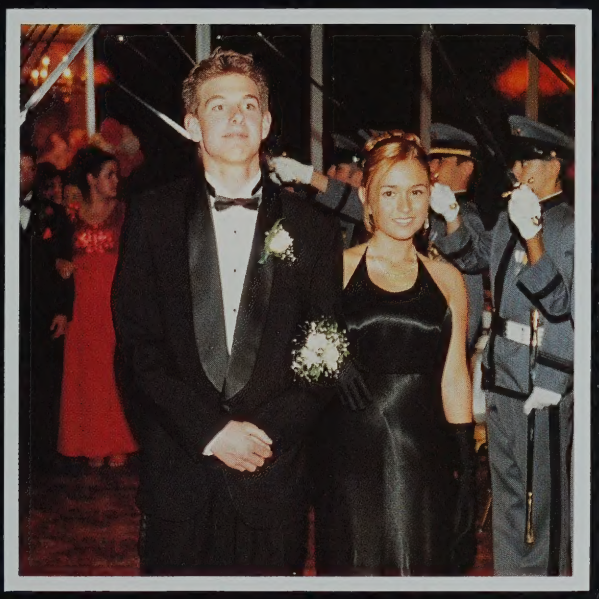
On June 9, 1997, we, the Class of '97 gathered together for our last formal function of our high school career. We, once again, proved to others and ourselves that we are the best. We treated each other with respect and presented ourselves with dignity. The Senior Prom of 1997 was a complete success thanks to our advisors — Ms. Belli and Mr. Dooley, the faculty, and especially us — the students. As always, though, every unforgettable night has to come to an end.

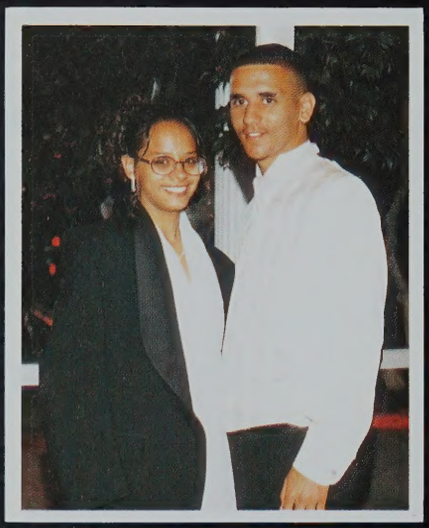
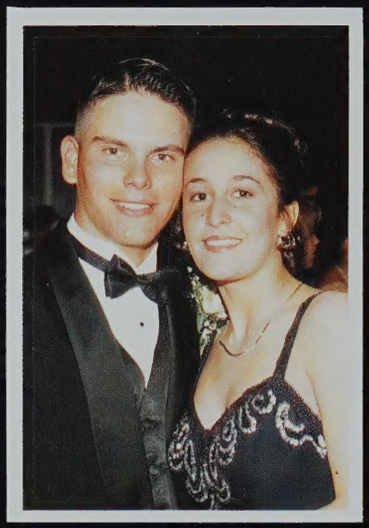
Senior Prom '97

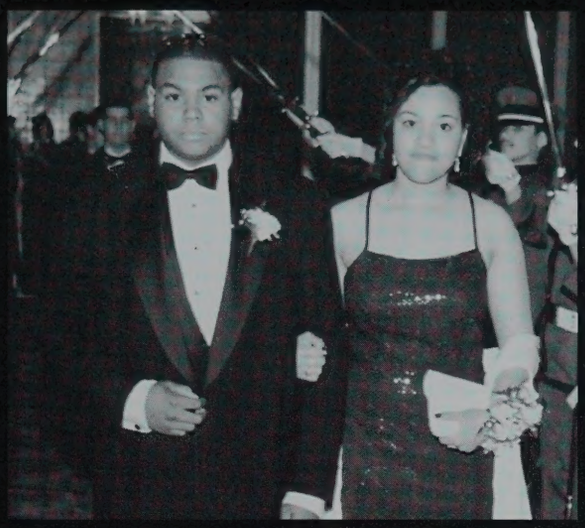


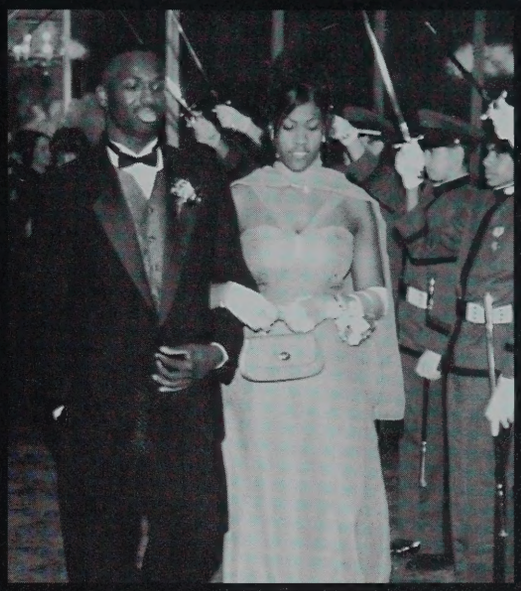










BRIAN NEVES
NB 02740

Dec. 30th: Left us before our big cap & gown day. Happy hanging out w/ friends and living life to the fullest.

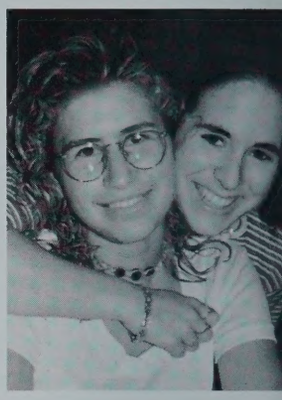
PAUL NETO
439 Bedford St.
NB 02740

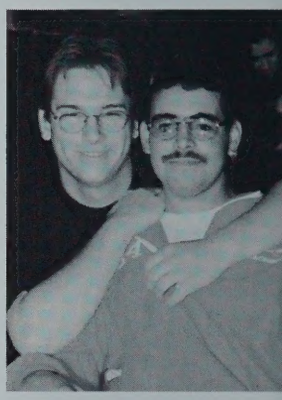
"Neto" Oct 1st: BF: MB, BM, DD, MC, RF, LC, CB, MS, PD. Thing to do: Party. Thanks parents. Plans to join the Air Force & go to college. Worst moment: getting a ticket in the parking lot. "Ey."

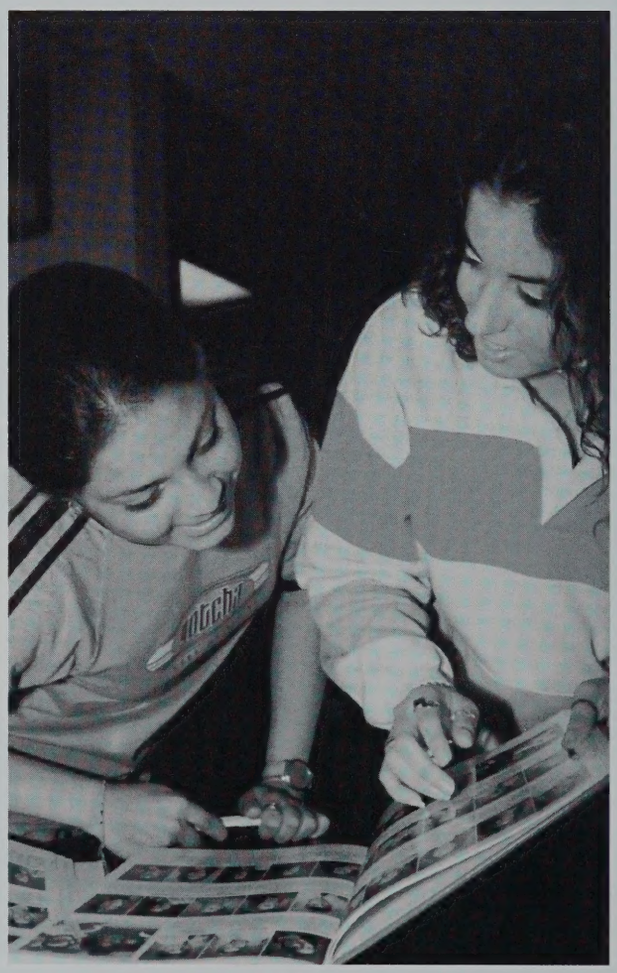
Corrections

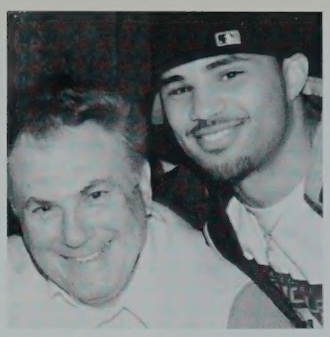
Jason
Medeiros

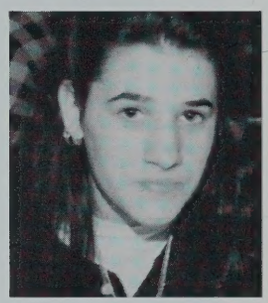
Yearbook Signing Party

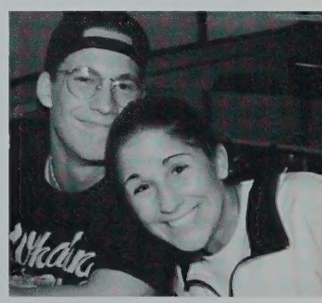






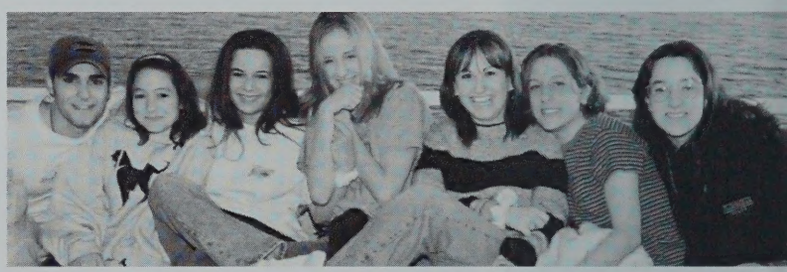


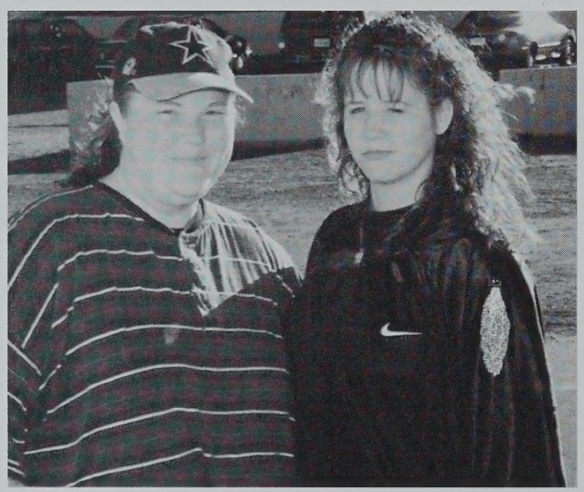


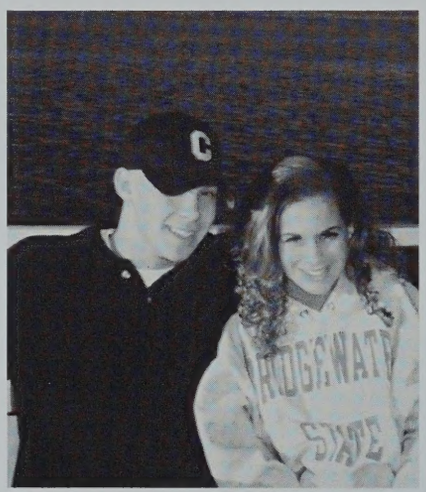


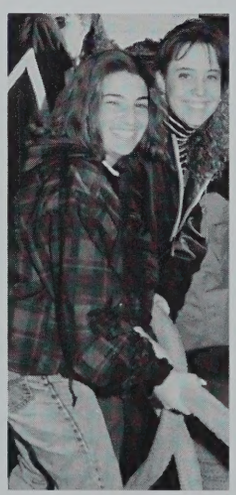
"Please, won't you take me on a ... sea cruise!"

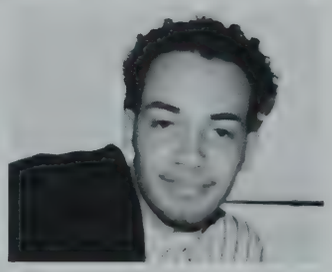
The Boat Dance











Nate Lang

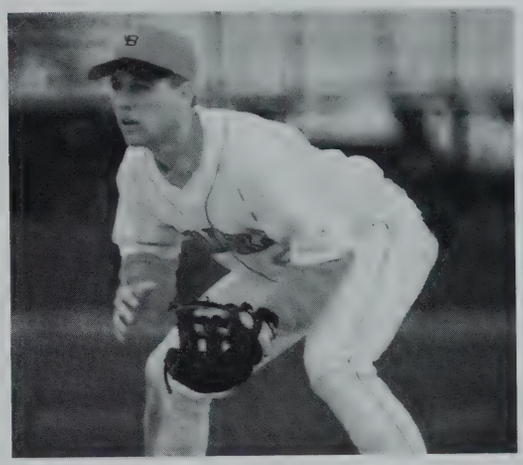
Baseball

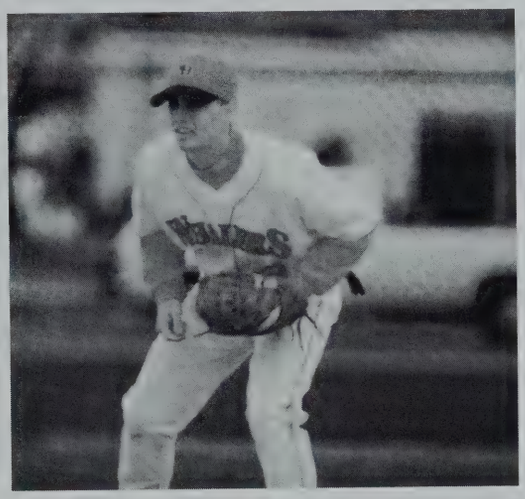
Coach Joan Seed

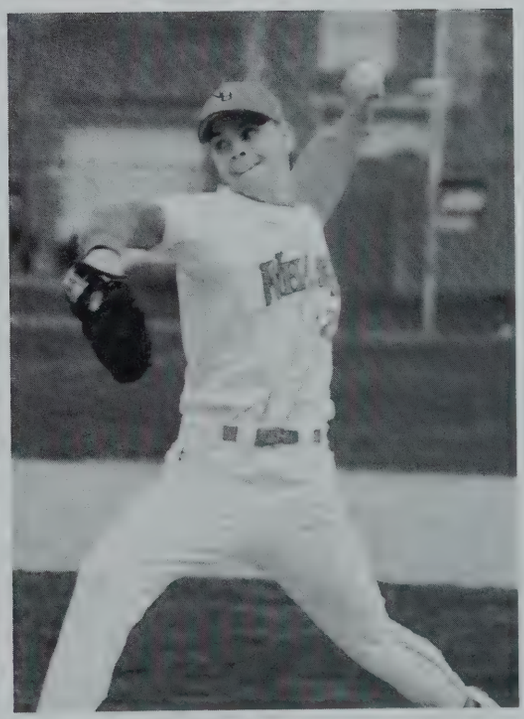
With a number one ranking at the beginning of the season, our team entered with huge expectations. They looked to their infield experience for support. Capt. first baseman Nate Lang, 2nd baseman Joe Valeri, & shortstop Tim Lygren would provide strong senior leadership throughout the season. And, along with junior third baseman Johnny Seed, this veteran infield would prove to be the backbone of this year's south-sectional finalist Whaler team. Senior Chris Ptaszenski also provided spirit & support despite an early injury.

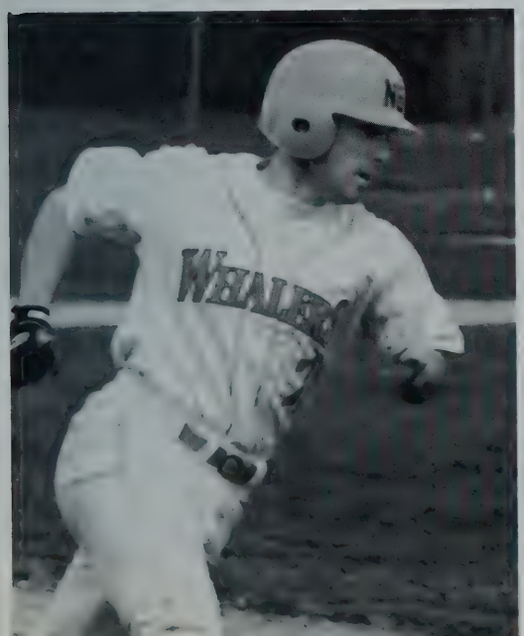
This year's pitching staff was superb, led by senior ace Eric Taylor. Along with his timely hitting, Eric was a tremendous pitching power, registering K's, ending innnings and clenching some big victories for our boys. "Little Lefty" Jim Lafrancois, "Big Dog" Mike Deree, & Jason Hinchliff also had some big wins for the Whalers. They will be looking to Matt Besse, Kein Abreau, & Nick Urbanek to pick up where the talented seniors left off. John Seed will be the cornerstone of next years team along with Andy Lang and the two returning catchers, Peter Nunes and Alfred Medeiros. Power-hitter Brian Perreira will also be returning for the Whalers.

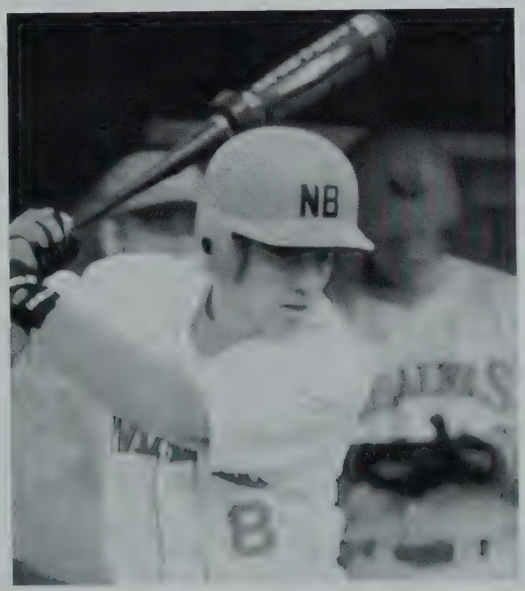
NBHS will greatly miss its infield stars; the solid defense & timely hitting of Nate, Joe, and Tim. Now Coach Seed is looking forward to rebuilding his championship team from the talented stock passing through the program.











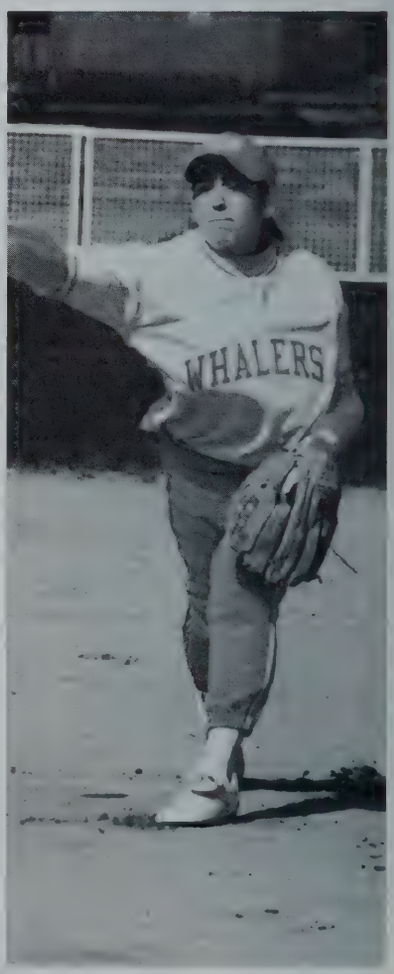
Brandi LaFrance
Debbie Souza

Softball

Coach Ken Soares

Catching the Competition by Surprise

Winning has never been a problem for the New Bedford Whaler' Softball Team and this year proved to be no different compiling a regular season record of 14-6. But the end of the year saw the emergence of the Whalers' true colors. The season was a tough one and despite great leadership from captains, Brandi LaFrance, Debbie Sousa and Senior outfielder, Jessica "Beeb" Braley, it yielded painful losses to Dartmouth, Durfee, and even Brockton but the Whalers turned it up beating Taunton in the regular season finale. But it was in the state tournament that the team really shined. Seeded 9th and coming off of amazing pitching games by senior, Wendy Brassard, the Whaler handed a loss quickly to Stoughton with some timely hitting by Braley, Sousa, LaFrance, and Kristen Jackson. Next up was a match all of the players were watching for. The number one seed: Durfee. This young, strong Durfee team handed the Lady Whalers two losses in the regular season and knew they would be hungry for a win. Even though timing was awful (it was the day after the senior prom) and many of the seniors were tired (Amy Kruger) the Lady Whalers stepped up for the occasion. They came out and played what proved to be their best game of the season. Behind the amazing pitching performance of Brassard and the hitting of Braley the Whalers wrapped up the game 5-3. The Whalers went to lose to the eventual State Champion Taunton Tigers in the next round but the season was an overall success and next year will prove to be interesting with the return of many players including Sousa, Jackson, and Lynsey Grace.



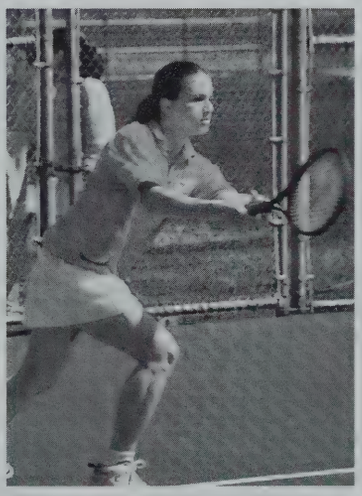
Romy Cruz, Ann Connelly,
Jon Yoken, Andrew Nelson

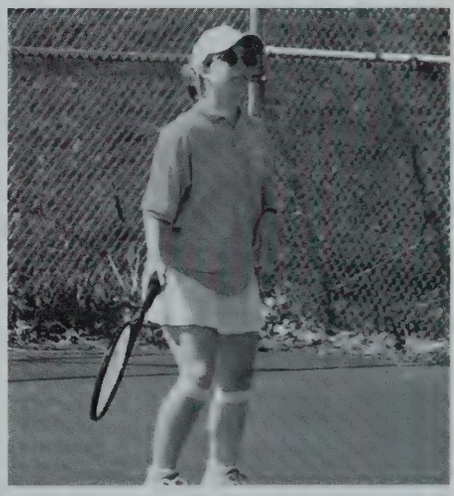
Tennis

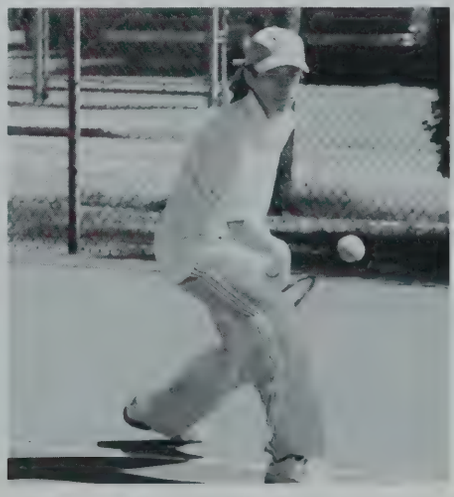
Coach Mike Correia
Coach Bob Ryan

This season's boys' and girls' tennis teams both had respectable seasons. The girls' team was lead off by co-captains, Romy Cruz and Anne Connelly, Margo Connelly, Natasha Azevedo, Heidi Carreiro, Julie Cardoso and Edny Gula. The girls ended the season with a Big Three Championship.

The Boys' team leadership came from Jay Bergeron, Andrew Nelson, Jon Yoken, Dan Charbonneau, Jay Lopes, and Andrew Kepinski. The boys were undefeated until they met their match at Barnstable. The boys, too, were Big Three Champs.



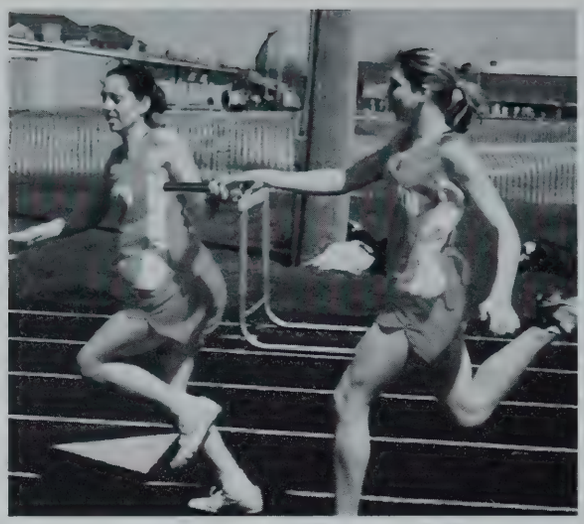




Lee Ann Colangelo

Track

Coach Tony Rolfe



All in Stride

This year's team saw many amazing performances from seniors, Beth Carr and LeeAnn Colangelo. Both on the track and in the high jump pit Erica Healey showed strength for the Whalers. The combo of Beth McKnight and Elise Teatrault on the track proved mighty intimidating to the competition. Strong performances were also produced by junior sisters, Julie and Heidi Costa, in the distance events. In the throwing events Rachel Castino and Erin Gordon ruled the javelin and Rebecca Nicol (coming off an outstanding winter season) was the lone NB shot putter. This year's team had its struggles but ultimately did well and made the school proud every where it went.

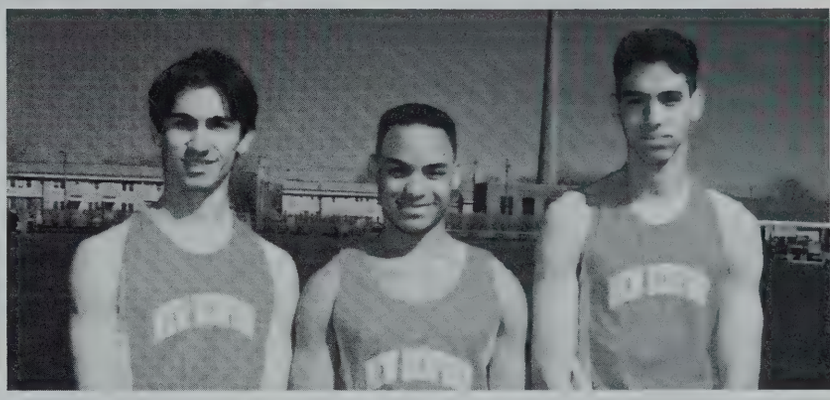
Steve Rebelo
Rich Rogers
Nelson Rivera

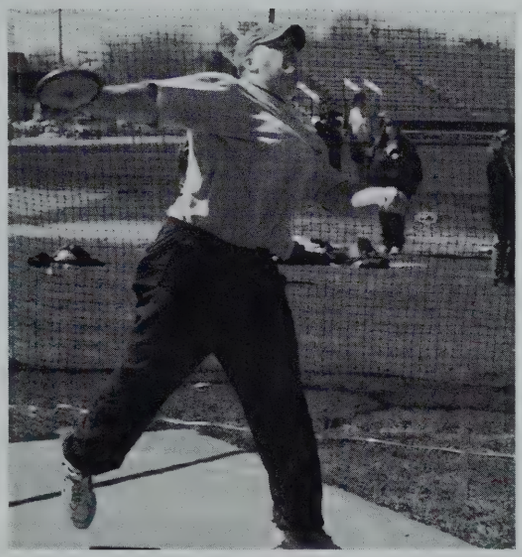
Track

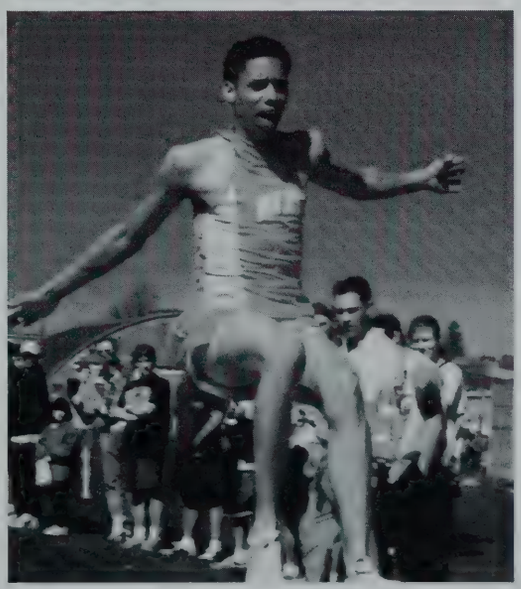
Coach Steve Gardiner

One Small Step

Once again this year's Boys' Track Team came out ready to compete led by seniors, Steve Rebelo, Richie Rogers, Nelson Rivera, Justin Bates, Danny Fontanelle, and junior, Yusef White. Continuing his trend, senior, Richie Rogers, ran in some of the most competitive races in the state and faired well each time in the 800 against nationally ranked runners. The boys as a whole made a run for the state title and with a great effort the boys placed second overall and had both individual state titles from Yusef White and the 4X400 relay team which consisted of Rebelo, Reveira, Rogers and White. Once again, the boys showed class and sportsmanship in every race they ran and came out winners in the end.





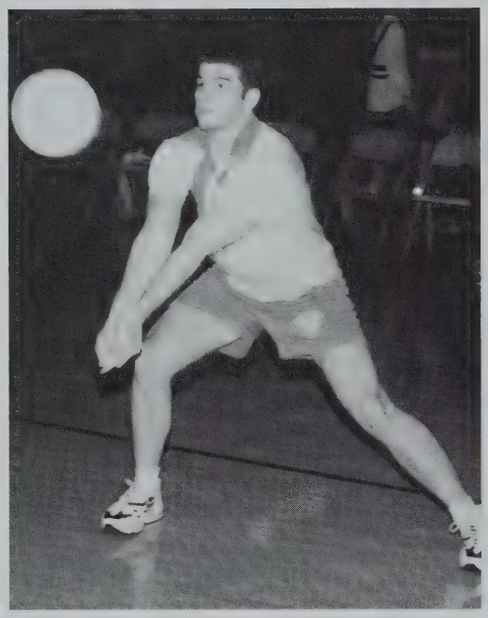


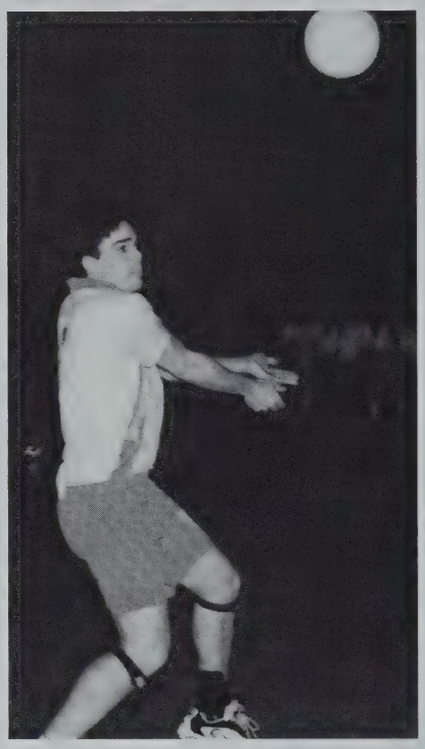
Coach Steve Derossi

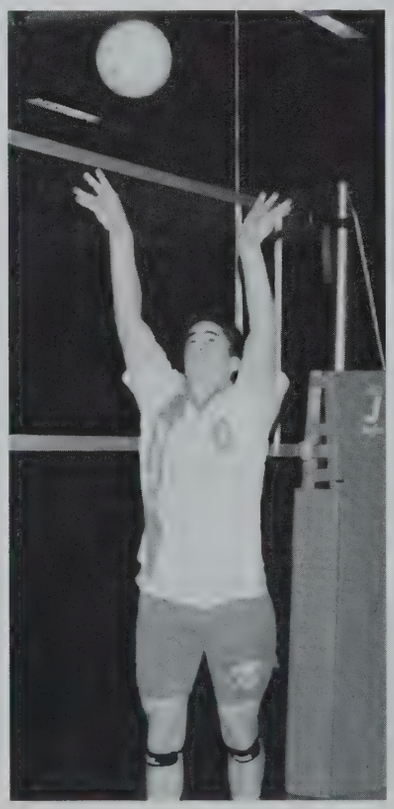
STATE CHAMPIONS

Volleyball

Charlie Beckman
Bryan Lawless
Manny Ortiz

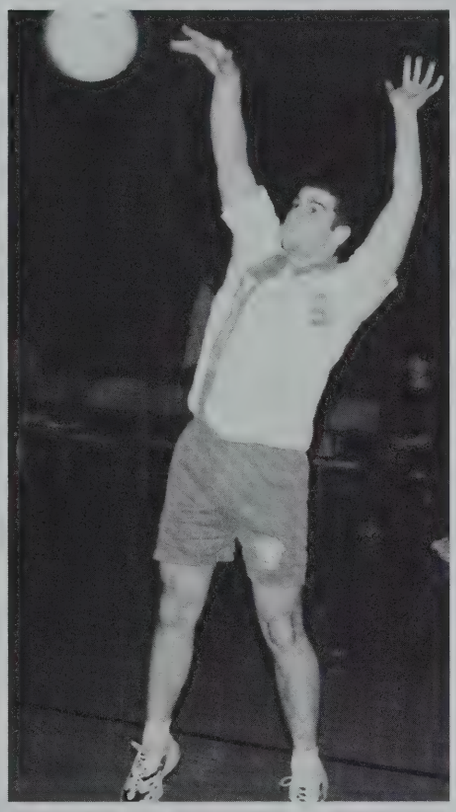
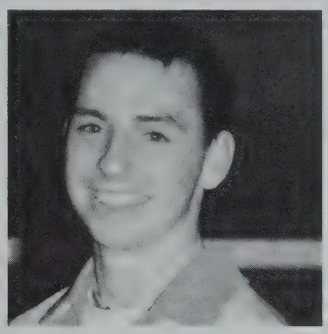
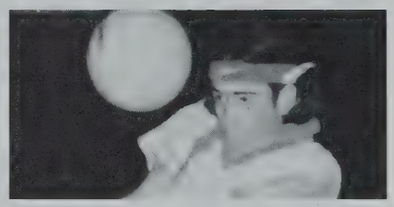


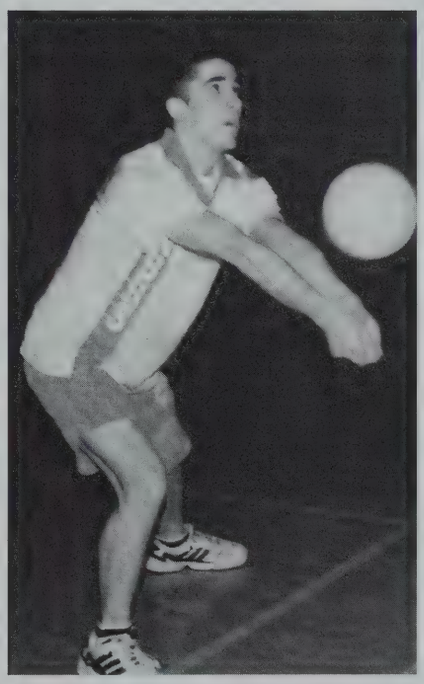




Setting the Score

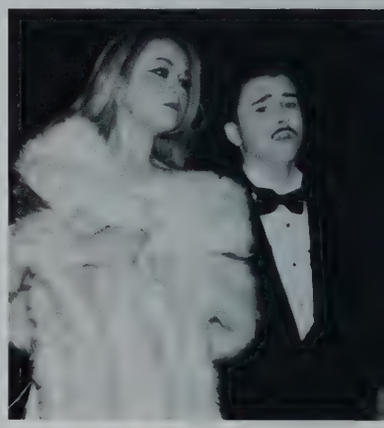
After last year's loss in the state finals this year's boys' volleyball team would prove to be unstoppable. The Whaler boys set the standard and made it a rule that there would be no losing this year. When they met Cambridge in the regular season they got their intimidating focus and dismissed them easily. The Whaler boys only challenge in any part of the season came from a strong Medfield team. Led by tri-captains, Charlie Beckman, Bryan Lawless, and Manny Ortiz — quite possibly the best and most intimidating trio the volleyball court has seen in sometime — the boys quickly came together and slammed the door on the thought of a loss. Once again this year team after team came to New Bedford hoping for a win, but they all left suffering losses at the hands of not only the captains but senior stand out, Doug Raymond, Scott Lamontagne and Sam Ackah. This team akong with winning the state championship and an undefeated season saw many individual awards come from the area media including Player of the Year for the Standard Times (Charlie Beckman) and Player of the Year for the Boston Herald (Bryan Lawless). All of this year's seniors will be sorely missed and next year's team will have some big shoes to fill. But the emergence of Kevin Lawless as a setter and the return of Ackah and Lamontagne. The team will be sure to continue its winning ways at New Bedford High as the winningest high school athletic program ever.



Sweet

"And she lived happily ever



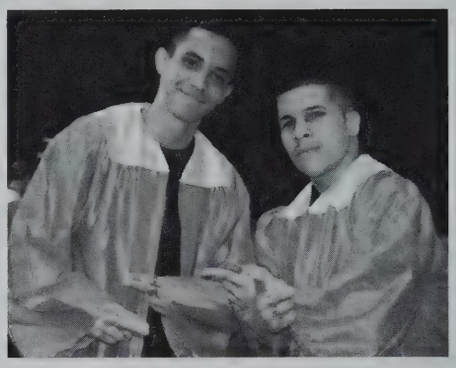
Charity

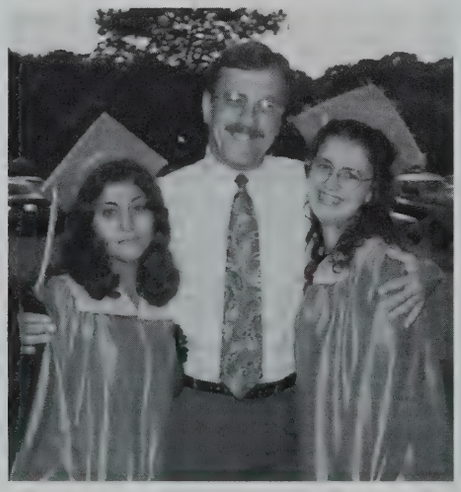
after ... hopefully!"

Sweet Charity is a story about a girl living life with hope hoping life holds love.

NBHS Drama Club combined vibrant dance numbers with a quirky heroine looking for love in mainly the wrong places to achieve their latest musical/comic triumph. Laureen Dunaway & Steve Nowell shone in the lead roles, receiving strong support from Bill McCoy, Melanie Correia, Rachel Bowers, Andrew Savoie, Antonia Cardoza, Jeremy Nelson and the rest of the hardworking cast & crew.

The first key to unlock the doors of our future is bestowed upon us today ...





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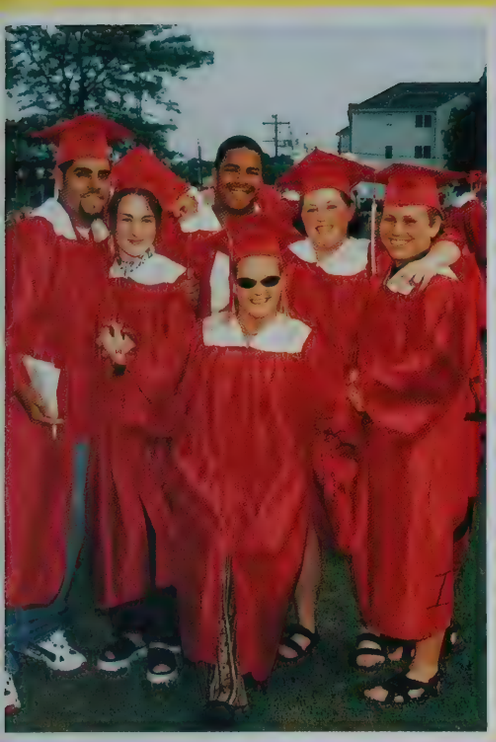
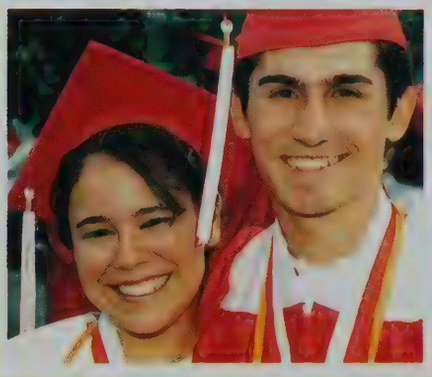
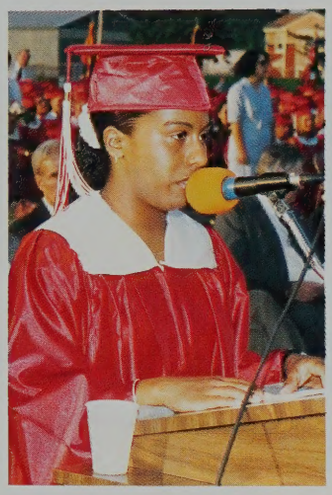




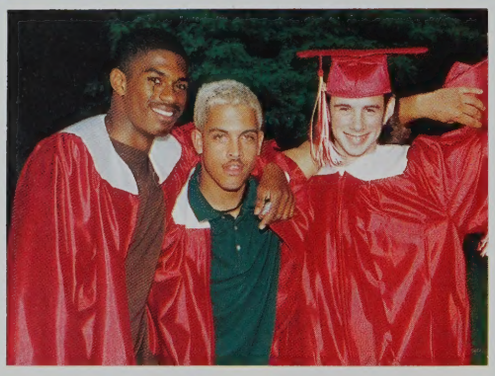
Our joy is reflected by our bright smiles and proud bearing.

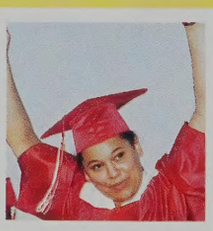
"We have learned to live, lived to love, and loved to learn."
— Raven Pina

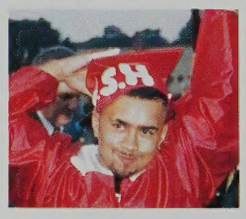


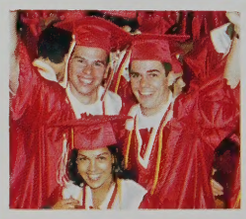
We have to be capable to criticize who we love to say what we have to say.

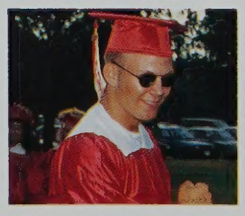
'Cause if your not trying to make something better then as far as I'm concerned you're in the way."
— Ani DeFranco











Lacrosse

This year's girls team was also a new addition to the school's spring sports roster but saw overall success from its schedule led by lone senior, Karen Fahey, and juniors, Ann Signorella, Erica Corson, Jess Frates, Katie Hebert, and sophomores, Sarah Linny and Angie Carr. The team showed that it will bring alot of pride to the Whaler tradition upon becoming a varsity sport next year.

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